

### **Fiduciary Investment Advisors**

When the Parks, Recreation & Community Services staff plans one of the City's most beloved outdoor events, Main Street USA, they know they can count on their good friends at Fiduciary Investment Advisors for support.

Fiduciary Investment Advisors (FIA) has been a dedicated sponsor of Main Street USA for the past few years. This past September, approximately 10,000 people were in attendance for the daylong event that featured plenty of fun for the whole family, including a kid's zone with rides and amusement activities, helicopter rides, vendor booths, a wide variety of foods, adult beer garden, live entertainment and fireworks.

In a time when it's increasingly difficult to find sponsorship money, FIA's continued financial support of the department is extremely appreciated.

The Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department has been fortunate to call Fiduciary Investment Advisors a friend and it because of their generosity that FIA has been chosen for a Benefits Are Endless Award in 2018.

### **John Allen**

John Allen has been a lifelong resident of New Britain and has been a familiar face at the New Britain Senior Center for the past three years. In March of 2015, John suffered a stroke that left him hospitalized for some time. Uncertain of the future, John had his faith put to the test and by the grace of God, was able to make a full recovery. Healthier, but not cleared to go back to work, John used this second chance to dedicate his time and energy to giving back to the community. John first entered the Senior Center on Thanksgiving Day in 2015. The Senior Center partners with the Salvation Army to provide a Turkey Dinner to friends and families that may not have a place to go. John then met with, since retired Senior Center Director Mike Karwan, to discuss other volunteer opportunities at the Center. John has been a fixture at the Senior Center Cafe ever since. He donates his time as well as his money, as he often provides free pastries for the seniors. Always friendly, positive and kind; John is wonderful person to have at the Senior Center. As a man of faith, John is also heavily involved at the Spottswood AME Zion Church in New Britain.

The New Britain Senior Center and the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department has been fortunate to call Josh Allen a good friend and it is because of his generosity that he has been chosen for a Benefits are Endless Award in 2018.

### **James Jones**

James Jones is a selfless individual who looks to improve others through his work. He is a positive role model, a community advocate but most importantly he is a friend of the New Britain Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.

James is the Dean of Students at Slade Middle School and serves as the liaison between students and school staff. During his 20 years of work at Slade he has always been a supporter of the after school program. As a former employee of the "Exercise the Right Choice" After School Program, James understands the importance and benefits of participating in after school activities. He assists the after school program team with participant recruitment, program setup, communicating with school day staff, and meeting monthly to discuss program needs. The after school program runs in the evening hours when school is not in session, typically the school staff leave the site before after school program is over. However, James has always made himself available during these "off hours" and is always a phone call away to help when needed, even if that means leaving what he was doing to assist the site staff with a student crisis. James is always available to support the Parks and Rec Department.

In addition to supporting the after school program, James has also coached for the Parks and Rec Youth Basketball League for six seasons now and has established himself as a coach that teaches all the proper fundamentals for a developing basketball player. His coaching has led to numerous successful seasons and league championships. James has volunteered countless hours with youth basketball participants at practices and games with tremendous success. His commitment has impacted many lives over the years, not only with the players, but the parents as well. He has always been a role model coach for our department as kids and parents always ask to be on Mr. Jones team because of the tireless work he puts into the position.

James has a strong connection with youth, their families and leaders in the city, making a strong impact in the lives of the New Britain Community. It is for all these reasons that James Jones has been chosen for a Benefits are Endless Award in 2018.

### **John Lynch**

John Lynch has always been an extremely helpful guide, a dedicated leader, and a devoted participant in working with our Veterans Affairs Division. He has helped our events to run smoothly ever since the Division was consolidated into our Department in 2006 and we're sure even before that under Lou Gentile. As a retired Marine who has always been an integral and very active participant of the Marine Corps League's Hardware City Detachment, the General Haller Post Polish Army Veterans, the Franco-American War Veterans, and the Veterans Council, he has been an invaluable and experienced resource for us and has donated an immeasurable amount of his time to helping us honor all Veterans. He and his Veteran colleagues were instrumental in advising us regarding the original setup of the Memorial Day Parade lineup and have enabled us to continue the valued traditions of honoring Veterans with the Veterans and Memorial Day Services both at the Memorial Monuments as well as at Fairview Cemetery. He has served as our Master of Ceremonies at almost every Veterans event and has been our liaison to all of the Veterans Organizations to which he belongs. We will remain forever

grateful as his support throughout the years has meant so much to our Department, the City of New Britain, and its Veterans. We have been fortunate to call John Lynch our friend and because of his generosity in sharing his time and expertise with us, he has been chosen for a Benefits Are Endless Award in 2018.

### **Theresa Moch**

In the winter of 2015 Theresa Moch committed to an immense challenge in the realm of data entry; build a computerized index for the City of New Britain's Fairview Cemetery. For over three years Theresa reported to the cemetery office without fail twice a week. Steadfast in her commitment, she diligently toiled at her task with swift precision. In excess of 2,400 hours were logged, all without pay.

The Index, of 38,125 entries, replaces a cumbersome paper card file, and has served to significantly streamline daily operations. Containing the name and burial information for every interment in the city's most historic cemetery, the database that Mrs. Moch worked on is a vital first step in the further digitization of important records.

Fairview Cemetery and The Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department is grateful to Theresa Moch for her commitment of time and energy to this very important project and it is because of her efforts that she has been chosen for a Benefits Are Endless Award in 2018.